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1. THIS MESSAGE IS IN REPLY TO THE QUESTIONS POSED  
IN REFS A AND B.

2. POTENTIAL MILITARY THREATS TO INDIA: NO CHANGE  
FROM DESCRIPTION REF D.

3. SOURCES OF INDIA'S MILITARY TRAINING AND GOI  
STRATEGY: FOR THE MOST PART INDIA MEETS ALL OF ITS  
TRAINING REQUIREMENTS IN-COUNTRY OUT OF ITS OWN RE-  
SOURCES. ONLY A SMALL PART OF ITS REQUIREMENTS ARE  
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MET FROM FOREIGN SOURCES. OF THE EXTERNAL SOURCES  
OF MILITARY TRAINING, THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR IS THE  
USSR WITH THE US SECOND. THE SOVIET INPUT IS ROUGHLY  
TWICE THAT OF OURS. THE CONTRIBUTION OF OTHER  
COUNTRIES IS MARGINAL. 70 PERCENT OF SOVIET TRAINING  
IS TO SUPPORT EQUIPMENT IT HAS SUPPLIED WITH THE  
BALANCE IN MILITARY RELATED MANAGEMENT SKILLS. THE

GOI STRATEGY IS TO HAVE INDIA BE AS SELF-RELIANT AND INDEPENDENT AS POSSIBLE IN TRAINING ITS MILITARY. (THIS IS PARALLEL TO THE GOI'S OBJECTIVE OF BEING SELF SUFFICIENT IN TERMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.) THUS WHEREVER POSSIBLE FOREIGN TRAINING IS PROVIDED TO PERSONS WHO CAN SUBSEQUENTLY SERVE AS INSTRUCTORS IN INDIA MILITARY SCHOOLS.

4. INDIAN PRIORITIES FOR MILITARY TRAINING FROM FOREIGN SOURCES: THE FIRST PRIORITY IS FOR TRAINING TO SUPPORT FOREIGN PROCURED EQUIPMENT. NEXT ON THE INDIAN SHOPPING LIST IS TEST PILOT AND ADVANCED PILOT INSTRUCTION, WHICH THE INDIANS UNDERSTAND IS NOT AVAILABLE UNDER IMETP. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY INSTRUCTION IN ADVANCED SYSTEMS ANALYSIS FOR R AND D; DEFENSE MANAGEMENT TRAINING; ADVANCED MILITARY PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, I.E., COMMAND GENERAL STAFF TRAINING; COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS STAFF OFFICER TRAINING; AND TRAINING RELATED TO AIR-CRAFT. IT IS IN THIS LATTER GROUP OF FIVE SUBJECT AREAS THAT THE INDIAN MILITARY HAVE LOOKED TO US IMETP FOR ASSISTANCE AND FOR WHICH WE EXPECT US SUPPORT WILL BE SOUGHT IN THE NEAR TERM FUTURE.

5. U.S. POLICY FOR IMETP FOR INDIA: THE FOLLOWING ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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THE OBJECTIVES OF US POLICY IN THIS AREA: FIRST, OUR ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA. THE GOI VIEWS THE IMETP AS AN IMPORTANT EARNEST OF THE US POLICY OF DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH INDIA OVER A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS. ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT'S GLOBAL ARMS TRANSFER POLICIES AS AMPLIFIED FOR SOUTH ASIA, MILITARY COOPERATION CAN NOT BECOME A PRINCIPAL ELEMENT IN INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THESE LIMITATIONS AFFECT MATERIEL TRANSFERS RATHER THAN TRAINING, BUT WE BELIEVE ALL ASPECTS OF MILITARY COOPERATION SHOULD BE TREATED CONSISTENTLY. TRAINING SHOULD NOT BE PROVIDED IN AREAS FOR WHICH WE ARE NOT WILLING TO PROVIDE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE. OTHERWISE WE RISK GENERATING EXPECTATIONS OF US ASSISTANCE WHICH COULD NOT BE MET OR WE RISK WHETTING THE INDIAN APPETITE FOR SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT. THIS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO OUR OBJECTIVE OF NOT STIMULATING ARMS COMPETITION BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK THE IMETP SHOULD BE USED TO INCREASE US CONTACTS AMONG THE INDIAN MILITARY OFFICER CORPS AND TO ENCOURAGE THEIR APPRECIATION OF US VALUES AND POLICIES. A COROLLARY OBJECTIVE IS TO LIMIT SOVIET INFLUENCE AMONG

THE INDIAN MILITARY.

6. RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR US MILITARY TRAINING:  
TO SUPPORT THE ABOVE OBJECTIVES, THE IMETP SHOULD  
EMPHASIZE NON-EQUIPMENT RELATED TRAINING FOR MIDDLE  
AND SENIOR GRADE OFFICERS, WHICH TO THE EXTENT  
FEASIBLE, IS RESPONSIVE TO THE GOI'S PRIORITIES  
DESCRIBED IN PARA 4. THE FOCUS SHOULD BE ON PRO-  
FESSIONAL MILITARY AND MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTION WHICH  
WOULD INCREASE INDIAN SELF-SUFFICIENCY, ESPECIALLY  
IN AREAS WHERE THEY ARE NOW BEING SUPPORTED BY  
SOVIET TRAINING. EQUIPMENT RELATED TRAINING SHOULD  
BE DENIED EXCEPT TO SUPPORT MATERIEL WHICH CAN BE  
SUPPLIED TO INDIA UNDER OUR GLOBAL AND REGIONAL  
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ARMS TRANSFER POLICIES. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE  
US CAN NOT DISPLACE THE LARGEST PART OF SOVIET  
TRAINING WHICH SUPPORTS EQUIPMENT SOLD TO INDIA.  
HOWEVER, WE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE SOVIETS ARE  
CAPABLE OF REPLACING US EFFORTS IN MOST AREAS WE  
ARE NOW SUPPORTING. FOR THIS REASON AND TO ADVANCE  
THE OTHER OBJECTIVES DESCRIBED ABOVE, THE EMBASSY  
RECOMMENDS THAT IMETP SHOULD INCREASE MODESTLY  
DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND IN NO CASE BE ALLOWED  
TO DIMINISH. AS THUS CONCEIVED, IMETP WOULD NOT  
ADVERSELY AFFECT THE OTHER US GOALS CITED PARA 3  
REF A, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT US INFLUENCE AMONG  
INDIAN MILITARY OFFICERS INCREASED, THE IMETP  
COULD ADVANCE THOSE GOALS.

7. THE POSSIBILITIES FOR UNIT EXCHANGES, RECIPROCAL  
TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND GREATER PARTICIPATION IN  
JOINT/COMBINED EXERCISES (REF B) ARE LIMITED  
GIVEN INDIA'S FIRM COMMITMENT TO A NON-ALIGNED  
FOREIGN POLICY AND ITS LEADING ROLE IN THE NON-  
ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

8. THE BENEFIT AND COST EFFECTIVENESS OF IMETP  
COULD BE INCREASED IF ALL ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL  
MILITARY CORRESPONDENCE COURSES WERE OPEN TO FOREIGN  
PARTICIPANTS, SECURITY PERMITTING.  
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